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1. The Polish people have been incensed by the false news concerning riots in Poland  No such riots have broken out in Swinoujscie (Swinemuende) or Szczecin (Stettin), nor has anyone heard of any riots in Poland, although some riots ~~did~~ occur in Prenzlau and Stralsund across the border in the Soviet Zone of East Germany. However, one change has taken place, and that is the relations between the Soviets in Poland and the Poles: the Soviets avoid meeting Poles, even their Polish friends; the Poles cross over to the other side of the street when they see a Soviet approaching. The Soviets in Swinoujscie are seen less often on the streets and outside of their barracks, and Polish sailors have refused to speak to Soviet naval officers assigned to the Polish Navy, with the result that some of the sailors have been punished.
2. Rumors circulating in Szczecin and Swinoujscie are that the Soviets ~~forewarn~~ the East German riots because they concentrated over half of the East German Army along the Polish-German frontier in the sparsely populated area contiguous to the Polish province of Szczecin. Many soldiers deserted from this army during the riots and took their arms with them.
3. There is probably no truth to the rumors emanating from the west that riots have broken out in Poland. No riots have occurred in the Gdynia area nor has a state of emergency been proclaimed. Furthermore, if any riots occurred in any part of Poland, it would be difficult to conceal this fact from the people. However, there is a great deal of tension in the air and the people feel that something is going to happen, but there are no indications what this will be.

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4. The Polish people, including Party members, are more clamorous than before (sic) and the relations between the Soviets and the Poles have become somewhat strained. Soviets avoid meeting Poles and remain in their own sections of town and the Poles ignore the Soviets and turn their backs on them.
5. The UB (Security Police) men are not as insolent as they were before, and they appear to be unsure of themselves. The activists are less persistent about fulfilling the norms, and new dollars can be purchased on the black market without any fear for 60-70 zloty.
6. The Polish people have heard about the riots in the Soviet Zone of East Germany in spite of the fact that it is a forbidden topic of discussion and that the newspaper coverage of it has been very limited. The people thought that the West would give some support to the demonstrators, but unfortunately this has not been the case. It appears that the West is continuing to appease the Soviets, and the people feel that the West has sold out to the Soviets.

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